

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Naive Gesture**

THE Soviet press has been celebrating the twelfth anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Soviet wartime treaty of co-operation, and both Pravda and Izvestia insist eloquently that the treaty has not lost its significance. "On the contrary," they observe, "an improvement of relations and a development of co-operation between Britain and the Soviet Union would be of great value, not only to both countries, but to all other countries interested in the maintenance and strengthening of peace." So far, so good. These are sentiments from which nobody would dissent; certainly not Mr. Eden who, as soon as a change in government in Russia last year seemed to open up possibilities of an easing of tension, instructed the British Ambassador in Moscow to bring about an improvement of relations by negotiating the settlement of a number of matters of purely Anglo-Soviet concern. If little came of the attempt it was certainly not the fault of the British Government. But these latest expressions of friendship for Britain, and this new eager desire for Anglo-Soviet co-operation, are as conditional as they are enthusiastic. If, Izvestia suggests, relations between the two countries are not as good as they might be, that is entirely because Britain has "preferred the role of junior partner to the United States." The implication is plain. Britain can have the inestimable benefits of friendship with the Soviet Union on condition it abandons its partnership with America. And that, in turn, implies dissolution of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, of which the Anglo-American partnership is the core and kernel.

It is a curiously naive gesture. Moscow, so frequently ill-informed and always given to wishful thinking, has evidently made up its mind that Anglo-American relations are at the moment so strained that the offer of Soviet friendship and co-operation might induce Britain to break with the United States, abandon NATO, and adopt at any rate a "neutralist" policy. That is not merely naive, it is childish. Whatever passing troubles there may be between the partners—and they are inevitable in any free partnership—the steel frame of Anglo-American co-operation and of the North Atlantic system is unbendable. The suggestion in Pravda and Izvestia that it is only Britain's close association with America that has troubled post-war relations between the United Kingdom and Russia does not, to use a favourite Communist phrase, "correspond with reality." The historical fact is that during the first years after the war it was against Britain that the Soviet diplomatic offensives were chiefly directed. This the Russians conveniently forget. At different times for one or other reason the Soviet Government makes advances to one country or another. It has professed lasting friendship for Nazi Germany, for France, for Britain, for the United States, for Nationalist China. They have all equally been at other times targets for violent attack and denunciation. History, indeed, teaches that their sincerity has to be questioned. It is well to remember Stalin's candid observation that "the policy of the Soviet Union is directed to the interests of the Soviet Union and nowhere else in the world." At the moment the chief purpose of that policy is to disrupt the partnership of the Atlantic nations. Hence these naive offers of friendship and co-operation if only Britain will break with the United States.

**19 Feared Dead In Plane Crash**

Rio de Janeiro, May 31. Fifteen passengers and four crew are feared to have been killed when a twin-engine airliner crashed near Belo Horizonte, capital of Minas Geraes State, late this afternoon. The Nacional Limitada Transportes Aereos Company has reported that their airliner crashed and burst into flames on the mountainous Serra Cip range and there was little hope of any survivors. A rescue party is proceeding towards the scene of the crash. The plane was on a routine flight from Governador Valadares to Belo Horizonte.—Reuter.

**Conspiracy Trial: Director's Defence**

London, May 31. A 33-year-old company director, Major Royston Fenn, who is charged with several other businessmen with plotting to export illegally 456,923 sterling worth of copper and brass to Poland, declared in court here today he thought from first to last the goods were destined for Karachi. He said in evidence today, the 14th day of the trial, he went to Paris in 1951 and was introduced to the Pakistan Purchasing Commission. An advisor to the head of the Commission was Mr. Mohammed Ali, the present Prime Minister of Pakistan. Major Fenn stated that he had been told that the Commission was the "Wellington Trust," which is named in the conspiracy charges tendered to the Commission for certain materials, but the tender was refused. Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, the Solicitor-General, who is leading the prosecution, alleged at the opening of the trial that it was pretended that the charges of copper and brass were being shipped to Karachi. The real destination was behind the Iron Curtain—Gdynia in Poland. The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday. All charges were denied.—Reuter.

**To Pay State Visit**

London, May 31. The Emperor and Empress of Ethiopia are to pay a three-day state visit to Britain from October 14 to 16, it was announced here tonight.—Reuter.

**Letter Received From Sir Edmund Hillary**

Katmandu, Nepal, May 31. The British Ambassador, Mr. Christopher Summerhayes, said here today he had received a letter from Sir Edmund Hillary dated May 8 saying the conqueror of Everest had recovered from pneumonia he contracted after injuries received in rescuing his team mate, MacFarlane.

It was not clear, however, whether Sir Edmund had had a relapse since writing the letter or whether this was the illness referred to in recent reports. Mr. Summerhayes said Sir Edmund Hillary had written that he was resuming his activities and that MacFarlane was being evacuated to India with freedom and leg injuries. Hillary said that he had also written to his mother in New Zealand. Reports last week said that Hillary contracted pneumonia on May 19 and it was thought here that if these reports were confirmed, the mountaineer must have had a relapse. The Nepalese Government is sending out a team of mountaineers to contact the New Zealand climbers, who have been attempting 27,780 feet Mount Makalu and were last reported on the Barun Glacier. Messages from the British High Commission in New Delhi asking urgently for news of Hillary and giving weather bulletins for the guidance of the climbers have been going out regularly over all-India Radio for the past two days. The Radio said tonight it was hoped a reply from the expedition would reach Katmandu shortly. His fellow climbers were earlier stated to have brought Hillary down from 22,000 to 14,000 feet.—Reuter.

**US HAS UNPRODUCTIVE TALKS Pres. Eisenhower's Policy Speech**

New York, May 31.

President Eisenhower said today that attempts to obtain the Soviet Union's co-operation in his plan for a world atomic energy pool had "not been productive of the results we seek."

Mr. Eisenhower added in a speech at the 200th anniversary dinner of Columbia University the United States was continuing to consult on the plan with the other free nations involved.

"We intend to proceed with these and all other like negotiations, confident in the merits of our cause, realistic in our appraisals of Soviet intention, and assured that our purposes and hopes will survive even the most frustrating series of talks," he said.

The President said that every measure the United States had proposed had been conceived as a step toward a rebirth of trust among all nations and that the proposals had included an honourable armistice in Korea; a free and united Germany, a liberated Austria; a secure Indo-China and Southeast Asia; and atomic energy harnessed for peaceful purposes under international control.

Referring to the atomic pool proposals, Mr. Eisenhower said: "In our efforts to find the ways by which the atrocious inventiveness of man should not be dedicated to his death, but consecrated to his life, there have been written exchanges of views between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Mr. Eisenhower added: "Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles has personally conferred both at Berlin and at Geneva with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov. 'These have not been productive of the results we seek, but we, on our side, are continuing exchanges of views and consultations with the other free nations, principally involved.'"

The President said the American people stood committed to two far-reaching policies which were: "First and foremost: We are dedicated to the building of a co-operative peace based upon truth, justice and fairness."

Second: To pursue this purpose effectively we seek the strengthening of America—and her friends—in love of liberty, in knowledge and comprehension, in a dependable prosperity widely shared and in a military posture adequate for security."

**NO AGGRESSION**  
In these two policies, he said, there was no lot of aggression, no intent to exploit others or to deny them their rightful

place and space in the world.

Mr. Eisenhower said his Administration since it took office 16 months ago was "fully aware of the ruthless manner in which the Communists negotiate (and) conscious of the unacceptability of their agreements."

But the Administration believed this country's foreign policy must be dedicated to unrelenting effort for the preservation of peace, within the enlightened self-interest and fundamental objectives of the United States.

"We knew that every negotiation with the Communists would be fraught with traps and pitfalls, but we knew too that positive, determined day to day toil would pay real dividends among the free nations," he said. "We sought a rebirth of trust among all nations—an enduring foundation for a co-operative peace—not a mere breathing space free from imminent crisis."

Turning to domestic affairs, the President called on Americans to reject attempts to "crush ideas, mask convictions and view every neighbour as a possible enemy."

**MCCARTHY'S CHARGES**  
Mr. Eisenhower did not refer directly to the Communist-hunting Senator Joseph McCarthy or his investigating methods, but he did refer to the Senator's charges that the Democratic Administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman were guilty of "20 years of treason."

"Without exhaustive debate—even heated debate—of ideas and programmes, free government would weaken and wither. But if we allow ourselves to be persuaded that every individual—or party—that takes issue with our own convictions is necessarily wicked or treasonous—then indeed, we are approaching the end of freedom's road."

Effective support of one idea—like defence of a battle position—requires calm and clear judgment, faith and fortitude. Our dedication to truth and freedom, at home and abroad, does not require—and cannot tolerate—fear, threat, hysteria and intimidation.

"As we preach freedom to others, so we should practise it among ourselves. Then, strong in our own integrity, we will be continuing the revolutionary march of the founding fathers—the determination to win political freedom from dynastic tyranny, we can ignite in mankind the will to win intellectual freedom from the false propaganda and enforced ignorance of Communist tyranny. 'Through knowledge and understanding, we will drive' (Contd. on back page, Col. 6)

**VOLCANO ERUPTS**

Honolulu, May 31. Six hundred fountains of liquid fire spurted from a volcano in Southern Hawaii today in its worst eruption since 1929.

Girl guides camping on the rim of the 4,090-foot Kilauea volcano watched in awe as a crack opened across the floor of the crater towards them. Because of their position, they were in no danger. Hundreds of people flocked to the rim to watch the fountain. The eruptions are normally harmless.—Reuter.

**Disarmament Talks To Resume**

London, June 1.

Five-power secret disarmament talks resume here today after a three-day adjournment.

The conference of France, Britain, Russia, Canada and the United States meets after the weekend issue of two Soviet press articles, claiming total Soviet-American disagreement on the issue of banning atomic weapons.

The two articles in the Soviet Communist Party paper, Pravda, and in the monthly New Times, claimed that the United States had turned down Russia's proposal for the prohibition of atomic weapons.

They were referring to the separate Soviet-American talks on President Eisenhower's proposal to pool atomic energy for peaceful purposes. But the issue of prohibition of atomic weapons is also before the five-power disarmament conference meeting here at Lancaster House.

Consequently diplomatic quarters here believe that the conference is now in disagreement on the vital question of possession of atomic weapons and of the hydrogen bomb.

The indication over the weekend by the chief French delegate, M. Jules Moch, that Russia is prepared to admit disarmament control officials to her territory, may point to a new concession, according to diplomatic quarters here.—Reuter.

**Embassy Turned Back**

Hanoi, May 31.

The Vietnamese today refused to recognise a French emissary sent to collect 27 French doctors and medical orderlies captured at Dien Bien Phu.

Vietnamese officers, who had announced they were willing to free the men in a radio message to the French, told the emissary there was nothing to prove he was sent by the French Commander-in-Chief.

The French High Command said the officer would return to Dien Bien Phu tomorrow with proper papers.—Reuter.

**TO FREE PRISONERS**  
Geneva, May 31. The French Government has decided to free 875 wounded Vietnamese prisoners, a French spokesman said today.

This decision was communicated to the Vietnamese delegation to the Geneva conference on Saturday, but was disclosed only today.—Reuter.

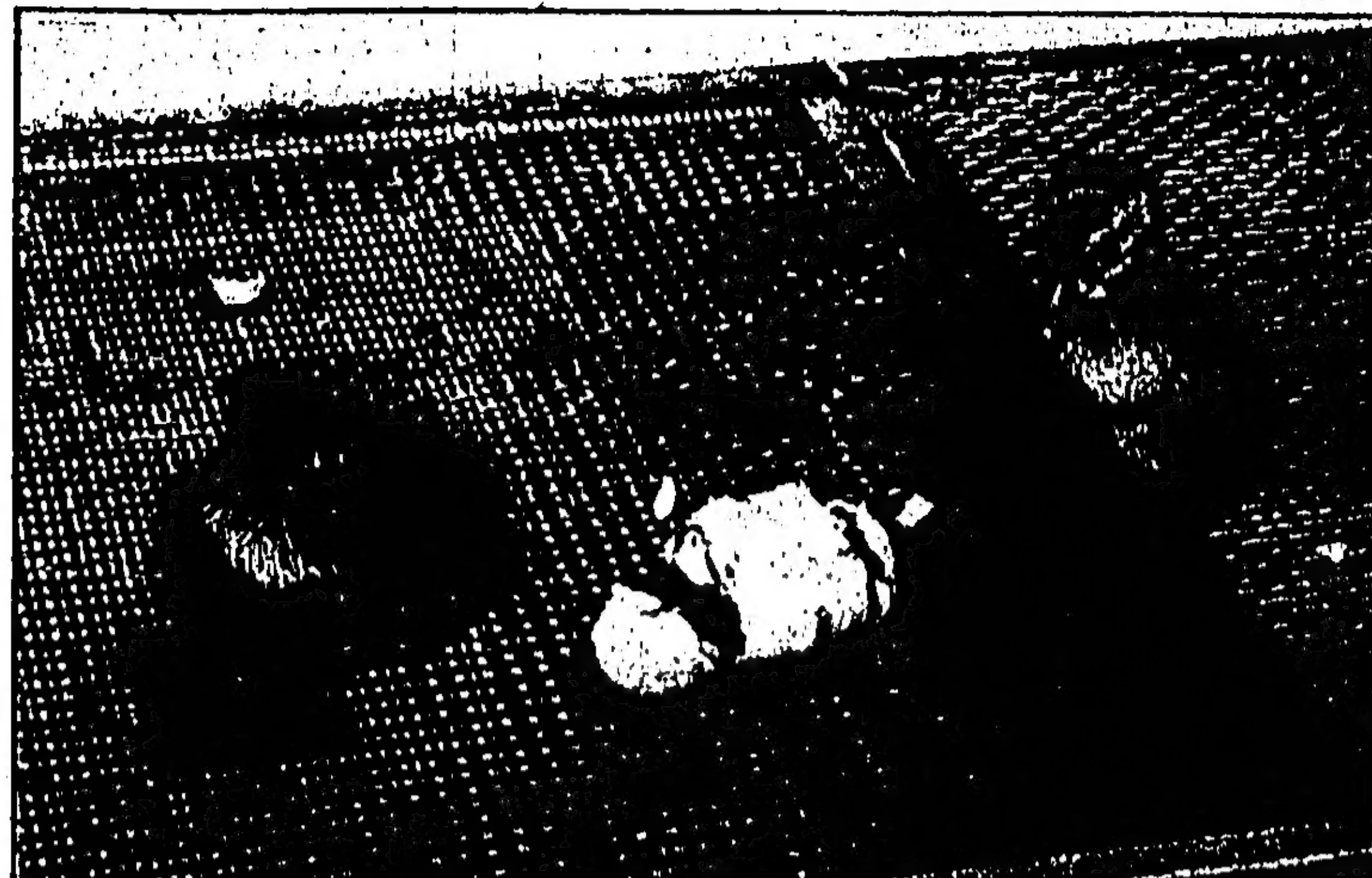
**Pleasure Boat Sinks: 12 Dead**

Vienna, May 31.

Twelve of the 18 excursionists aboard were drowned today when the pleasure steamer Paj sank in the Plattensee lake in Hungary.

A Radio Budapest broadcast heard in Vienna said several other passengers were injured. An inquiry into the cause of the disaster is being held.—France Press.

**AND HERE ARE THE TWUCKLINGS**



Recently the China Mail carried a story from London that a West Haddon, Northamptonshire farmer had hatched out twin ducklings, and here above are the twucklings, photographed shortly after coming out of their common shell. They came from the same incubator which produced Britain's first twin chickens three months ago. There was a hole each end of the egg showing that each duckling had pecked its way through.—London Express photo.

**Reds Propose 4-Power Neutral Commission For Indo-China**

Geneva, May 31.

Russia and China proposed to today's ninth secret session of the Indo-China peace talks here that a neutral commission should supervise an Indo-China armistice, according to conference sources.

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, deputising for Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov as leader of the Russian delegation, is said to have suggested India, Pakistan, Poland and Czechoslovakia as members of the commission.

Mr. Chou En-lai, Chinese Prime Minister, is reported to have said control should follow the broad lines of that operating in Korea, (where the Neutral Commission consists of Sweden, Swiss, Poles and Czechs.)

Conference sources quoted Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, United States Under-Secretary of State, as having said supervision should be under United Nations auspices.

Mr. Gromyko's proposal was submitted at the end of today's session and the Western powers did not have time to comment on the proposal today, the sources added.

A communique issued after today's four-hour session in the Palace of Nations—devoted mainly to questions of armistice control and guarantees—said that military representatives of the opposing sides would hold a preliminary meeting tomorrow to arrange for the meetings of High Command representatives.

The next restricted session of the nine-nation talks will be on Wednesday.

In Korea, there is a Mixed Armistice Commission of the two sides and also a Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission composed of Swiss, Swedish, Polish and Czech members.

**CHOU'S 3 POINTS**  
Western delegates say they have already agreed among themselves not to accept any commission whose work might be impeded by Communist "obstruction" as in the similar commission in Korea.

Mr. Bedell Smith told today's session that members of any Supervisory Commission for Indo-China should be "genuinely neutral," conference sources said.

In the early part of the meeting, Mr. Chou said that supervision of an Indo-China armistice should be based on the following points:

1. Impartial control which should take into consideration the opinions of both sides.

2. It should be linked with "other questions."

3. There should be a neutral nations commission and a commission of both sides.

Mr. Chou was supported by Mr. Gromyko and Mr. Pham Van Dong, Vietnamese Communist Deputy Premier, the sources said.

The military delegates were summoned to Geneva on Saturday when the nine nations adopted a British plan aimed at speeding a simultaneous ceasefire. The High Command representatives will study the disposition of the opposing forces to be made after a ceasefire beginning with regrouping area in Vietnam, the largest of the three Indo-China Associated States. They will report back to the conference as soon as possible.

Conference sources said the military representatives at tomorrow's preliminary meeting would be: Colonel Michel De Brebisson of the French delegation, and Colonel Ha Van Lau of the Vietnamese delegation.

These two officers have already had talks here over the evacuation of wounded from the fallen French fortress of Dien Bien Phu.

The sources added that the Vietnamese representatives at the full meetings of High Command representatives would probably be Colonel Lau and Colonel Ta Quang Vuu, Vice Minister of National Defence.

Giving a fuller version of Mr. Bedell Smith's statement, conference sources reported him as saying that priority should be given to the discussion of armistice control.

He declared that two basic principles should govern a solution, control of the armistice and guarantees for it. Control should be agreed on before a ceasefire was called. "This control should be international and genuine neutral."

The work of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Korea had been a "disappointing experience." He complained about the attitude of the Czechoslovak and Polish members of this Commission.

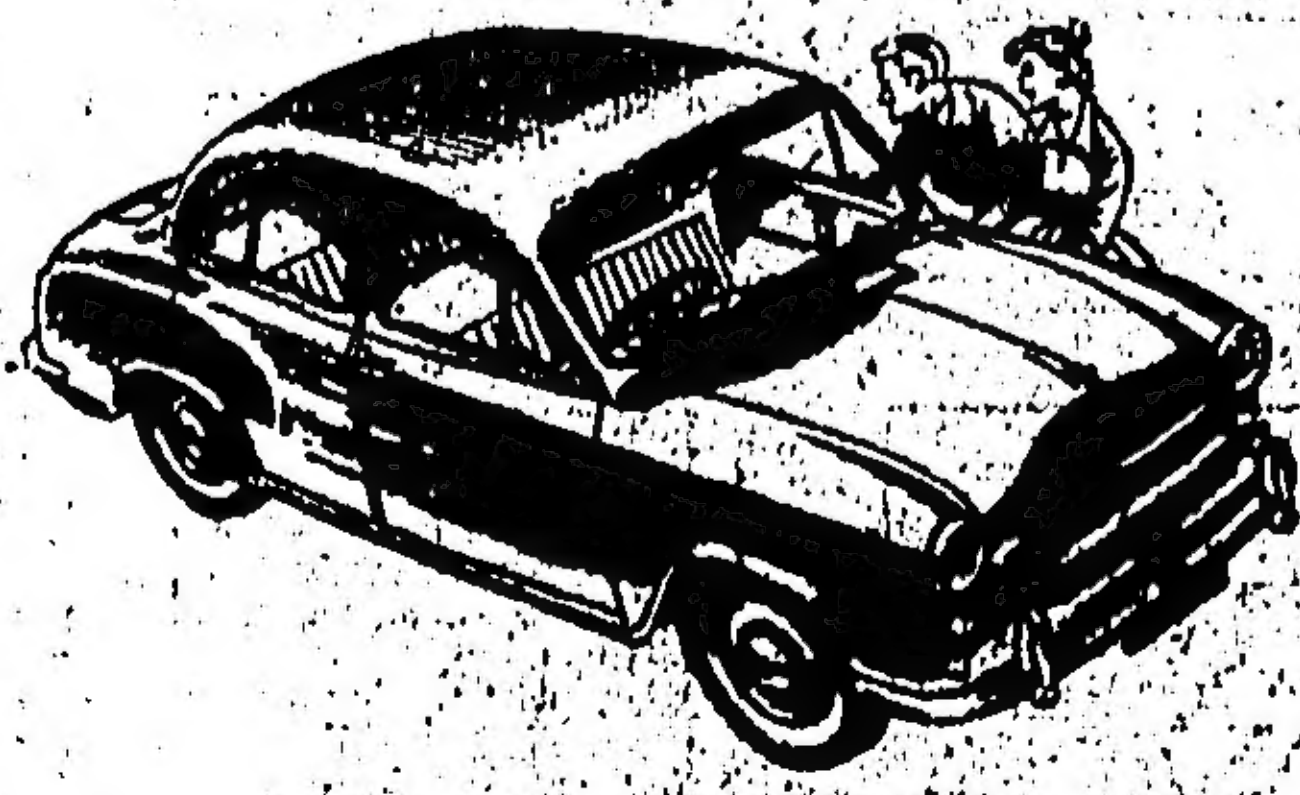
Mr. Bedell Smith said a commission could not be "truly neutral if Communist nations were represented on it because of their 'ideological biases.'"

He backed the authority and neutrality of the United Nations, the sources added.

Mr. Chou opposed Mr. Bedell Smith's comments on the Korean commission saying the American leader's views were one-sided. The Chinese Prime Minister criticised the Swiss and Swedish (Contd. on back page, Col. 2)

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# Thailand's View Of SE Asian Defence Organisation

Geneva, May 31.

Thailand's Foreign Minister, Prince Wan Waithayakon, today urged a "compact" foundation for the proposed Southeast Asia defence organisation.

## New Star Seen: Born 20m. Years Ago

New York, May 31.  
The California Institute of Technology said today it had calculated that a new star first observed at the Palomar observatory near Pasadena on May 4 was born of a celestial explosion which occurred about 20 million years ago.

The new star was found to be rotating in the opposite direction to the earth, at a speed of about 1,000 miles per second.

The Mount Palomar 200-inch reflecting telescope is the largest in the world.—France-Press.

## Clergyman To Visit Red China

London, May 31.  
Christian Action, a non-denominational religious organisation, announced today it had accepted an invitation to send a representative to China.

The representative, Dr Marjorie James, an Anglican priest, will leave here on Thursday as member of a delegation of 15 on a five-week visit.

The invitation came from the All-China Federation of Democratic Youth.

Canon L. J. Collins of St Paul's Cathedral, chairman of Christian Action, said today: "It is the policy of Christian Action to try to establish and maintain personal fellowship with Christians, regardless of the political systems under which they live."

"And it is convinced that personal contact between Christians of East and West is one of the ways of lessening international tensions."—Reuter.

He said in an interview that the pact should be confined initially to countries like Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Burma, the three Associated States of Indo-China, Malaya, and the sponsoring Western Powers.

The Prince said he favoured a separate "East Asian defence alliance" which could later be linked with the projected Southeast Asia treaty organisation.

Prince Wan said that Thailand had not been invited to the military staff talks beginning Thursday in Washington on South-east Asian defence questions between the Western "Big Three," Australia and New Zealand, because these had developed out of the usual consultations these countries have had in the past.

But Thailand's defence plans could be co-ordinated without difficulty later, he added.

Prince Wan said the proposed pact should embrace not only defence questions but also closely allied political and economic matters. "But the immediate necessity is defence," he emphasised.

Thailand is expected to be consulted on the political and economic aspects.—Reuter.

## UN Commission Blames Israel And Egypt

Tel-Aviv, May 31.  
The Israeli-Egyptian mixed armistice commission today blamed both Israel and Egypt for frontier incidents in the Gaza region on May 25 and May 28.

At a special meeting today the commission condemned both countries for violating the armistice agreement and demanded they take measures to prevent further incidents.

Egypt was blamed for firing on an Israeli patrol, wounding one Israeli soldier and for firing on Israeli road traffic from across the border.

Israel was blamed for crossing the demarcation line into Egypt with armed forces and opening fire on Egyptian positions.—Presse.



Arriving at Southampton aboard the troopship Asturias today (Tuesday) are Bombardier William Albert Williams, of Machynlleth, Montgomery, and his Chinese wife Lor Lan. Bombardier Williams, of the First Battalion the Manchester Regiment, was married in Hongkong in March.—Reuterphoto.

## End Of Newsprint Rationing Near?

London, May 31.

The Minister of Materials, Lord Woolton, is discussing with representatives of the British newspapers whether newsprint available for 1955 is enough to end newsprint rationing.

Mr Derick Heathcoat-Amory, Minister of State, at the Board of Trade said this in reply to a question in the House of Commons today.

Mr Anthony Hurd, a Conservative, had asked what further provision Lord Woolton was allowing for the forward purchase of newsprint and pulp supplies for 1955, "bearing in mind the inadequate supplies which has resulted from last minute contracts with Scandinavia and Canada."

He also asked if the provision now proposed would be sufficient to free the newspapers from newsprint rationing.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory replied: "Lord Woolton announced on May 20 that the Government has agreed to the import of an additional 50,000 tons of newsprint from non-dollar sources in 1955 and has informed the House on May 3 an additional 50,000 tons from Canada has already been approved."

Representatives of the newspaper industry earlier informed Lord Woolton that with some increase in supplies from the home mills, the quantities of newsprint now made available for 1955 should enable the present statutory control over distribution to be handed over to dealers.

"Lord Woolton is now discussing with the representatives of the newspapers whether this will in fact be the case."—Reuter.

## 30 Moroccan Terrorists Caught

Casablanca, Morocco, May 31.

A round-up of native terrorists in the Dainchok section of Casablanca resulted in the capture of 30 Moroccans, including six killers, Moroccan papers said today.

They said the half dozen suspected killers were charged with 12 assassinations.

According to the Press, the search for the killers in Dainchok city has been going on for several weeks.

In Paris, the new French Resident-General, M. Francis Lacoste, conferred with the Interior Minister, M. Leon Martinand-Deplat, for over an hour today. M. Lacoste is expected to leave for Morocco shortly.—United Press.

London, May 31.

An 18-strong French Parliamentary delegation arrived in London by air today for two days of celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Anglo-French Entente Cordiale.—China Mail Special.

## 21 Mau Mau Killed

Nairobi, May 31.

Security forces have killed 21 Mau Mau terrorists in the last 24 hours, East African Command Headquarters announced today.

Security forces killed a total of 88 terrorists in the week ending last Saturday, and themselves lost one African killed.

In the same period, terrorists killed 15 loyal Africans and stole 118 cattle, of which 45 have been recovered.—Reuter.

## Millionaire Acquitted Of Grave Charge

Bombay, May 31.

A millionaire industrialist was acquitted here today of conspiring with his driver and a hawker to murder a former business associate.

The driver was also acquitted. But the hawker was found guilty of murder and sentenced to transportation for life.

The prosecution alleged that the industrialist, Tulsi Prasad Kurgaprasad Khaitan, was the brain behind the murder of his former associate, Mr K. M. Kedia, in broad daylight near a Bombay railway station.

They said Kedia had threatened to expose some of Khaitan's business dealings.—Reuter.

## Old Sailor Dies At 105

Auckland, May 31.

English-born William Mitchell, sailor and gold miner, died today at Coromandel, Thames, South Auckland, aged 105.

He served in the Royal and Merchant navies before going to the Thames goldfields more than 60 years ago. He had also worked as a chef, book-keeper and farm worker.

Mitchell regularly carried his stores from the town to his home a mile away until a few months ago.—China Mail Special.

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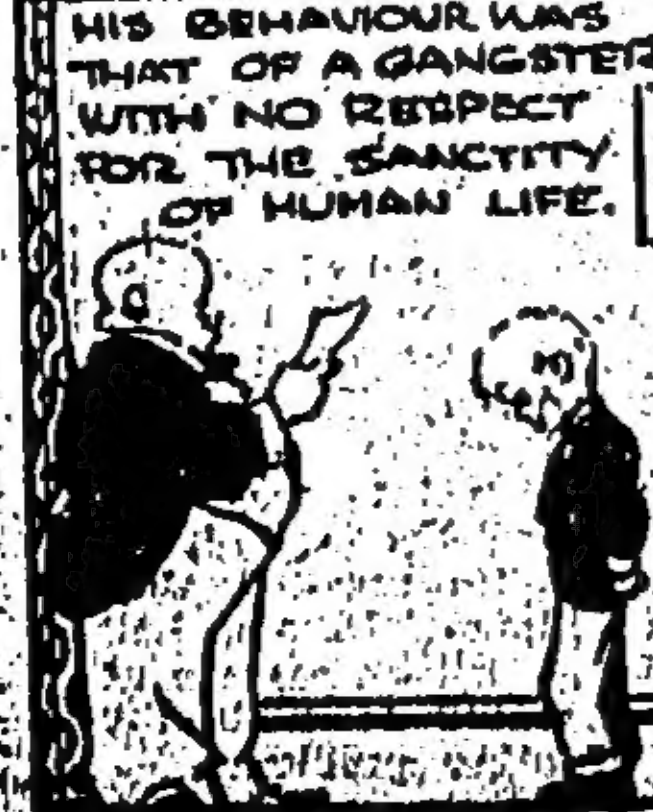
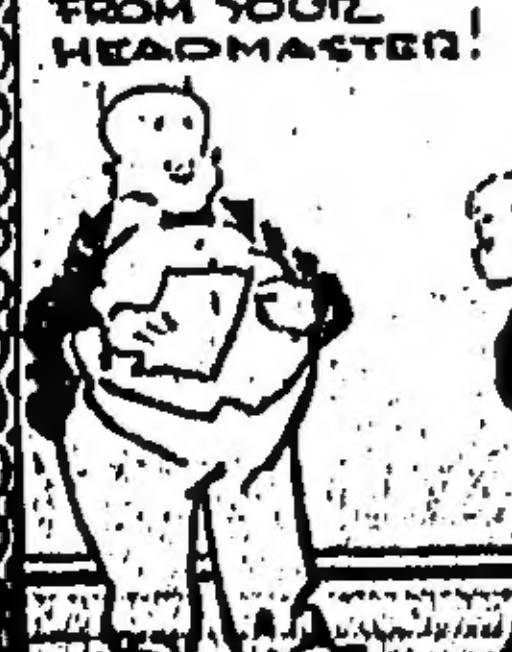
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## LANIEL FACES STORMY WEEK IN

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Warning On  
Ammunition Shortage

Washington, May 31.

A top army planning officer has told Congress that production cutbacks under the "new look" military programme mean the Army will not be ready to fight a global war "at any time in the foreseeable future."

Major Gen. R. W. Colglazier Jr., the Army's deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for plans and programmes, said that current military plans called for a "gradual increase" in arms and equipment.

Should full-scale fighting break out on July, 1957, for example, the Army would be short of its "estimated requirements" including ammunition for the first year of the war.

The U.S. capability to produce during the first year of war could not make up the shortage. General Colglazier made the statements recently before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee. The testimony made public today emphasized the sharp switch in Army planning under the "new look" programme and its emphasis on atomic striking power.

The General noted that President Eisenhower has decided on a long-range programme based on "calculated risks which are prudently reasoned." It does not assume a date of "maximum danger," he said, but provides for a strong military position over years of "uneasy peace."

"NOT AT ANY TIME"

Under this policy, General Colglazier continued, "the new Army production plans do not envisage full material readiness for a global war at any time in the foreseeable future."

General Colglazier said stocks of "most major weapons" should be close to full reserve requirements by July 1957. But he said that current plans provide for reserves of certain tactical and support vehicles.

As for ammunition, he said, full mobilisation reserves would not be built up by that date and in some items "not for several years beyond."—United Press.

## FRENCH ASSEMBLY

Strong Criticism Of Bidault  
Expected In  
Vital Debate On Indo-China  
GOVERNMENT'S PROSPECTS

Paris, June 1.

A major attack against the Laniel Government will be launched today when the French National Assembly starts a full-dress debate on Indo-China.

The attack will probably reach a critical stage in a week's time. At that point the Premier will for the third time in four weeks, stake the life of his Government on a vote of confidence on the Indo-China problem.

Basic issue in the debate will be the policy conducted by the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, at Geneva.

French Move  
Against  
Terrorists

Tunis, May 31.

France took emergency steps in Tunisia today—including the arming of French settlers and the formation of a home guard—to check a mounting wave of terrorism.

About 300 riot police arrived by air while an undisclosed number of infantrymen were rushed across the border from Algeria to track down bands of outlaws describing themselves as "the national liberation army," who massacred five French farmers last week.

The French Resident General in Tunisia, M. Pierre Volzard, today called for volunteers from the French and Tunisian population to join the new home guard. He announced that arms and hand grenades would be distributed to French settlers living in isolated farms.

## OFFICIAL MOBBED

The Resident General, who was mobbed at Tunis Airport on Saturday by angry French settlers clamouring for sterner action against terrorists, said in a broadcast today: "The shocking tragedies which have made blood flow in Tunisia show that we are confronted by an organisation ready for anything."

"I affirm solemnly the French Government is determined to maintain public order at all cost, to track down the criminals, the instigators and accomplices, whoever they might be."

M. Volzard announced that a further 450 police were due to arrive within the next few days. —Reuters.

Growing hostility to M. Bidault is reflected in the motions tabled by various Deputies, which speak of "talks undertaken behind the backs of our British allies" and of efforts "to torpedo the peace talks in Geneva."

The atmosphere will be made all the more tense by Sunday's resignation of a Gaullist member of the Government, M. Marc Jaquet, Minister for the Associated States of Indo-China.

M. Jaquet was stated to have been forced to resign because he allegedly gave Cabinet information in a weekly paper.

But he himself has strenuously denied this and has called attention to the fact that he is in profound disagreement with M. Bidault on Indo-China policy. M. Jaquet has always held that direct peace negotiations should be undertaken with Ho Chi-minh, Vietnamese leader in Indo-China.

The Government's decision to call up about 80,000 Frenchmen before their time to release professional troops for Indo-China, started rumours that the Government was thinking of sending conscripts to Indo-China and this has alarmed public opinion.

## AGAINST U.S. ENTRY

The Socialist Party Congress passed a resolution on Sunday categorically condemning not only the sending of conscripts to Indo-China but also the official policy of bringing Americans into the Indo-China fighting. From this quarter the Government must now also expect an attack intended to kill it.

The Socialist Party decision on Sunday to instruct its 105 representatives in the National Assembly to vote for ratification of the European Defence Community treaty has also electrified the political atmosphere.

But according to information available last night the anti-EDC Socialist leaders have decided to vote against ratification despite the decision to apply party discipline against them if they do so.

Events are rapidly leading up to a definitive showdown on EDC. Last week's annual congress of the Popular Republicans (Catholics) Party, chief protagonists of EDC, demanded an early decision in Parliament.

The Socialist decision in favour of EDC and its accompanying threat to take disciplinary action against any Deputy voting against the party line has raised hopes that it put to the vote in the near future, the National Assembly might ratify the treaty by a small majority.

## CHANCE FOR E.D.C.

It is true that the anti-EDC Socialists say they are determined to stand their ground, and that most lobby experts think the party executive would hesitate to risk splitting the party by expelling dissenting members.

Nevertheless, there is a chance that the treaty might be adopted if voted on within the next few weeks.

In consequence it seems likely that all enemies of the EDC will join hands to get the existing Government out as soon as possible.

It may be impossible to form any new Government on a narrow anti-EDC basis. But if the critics, valuable weeks will have been gained before the subject can come up, and meantime international developments may have entirely changed the picture.

If Russia produces a real cessant in Indo-China, fence-sitting Deputies who today lean towards the United States might switch to a policy of an understanding with Russia and no German rearmament. —Reuters.



"He's so cuddly, and his mother wouldn't rear him, so what else was there to do than to rear him myself..." Such is the story of the cub at the circus bearing the name Rossire, Joan Rossire is the Animal Queen there, and when the lioness refused to have anything to do with her cub, Joan stepped in with bottle, warm caravan and a mother's care. He could not be of nights, that the cub was the warmest place, and now the cub is regularly there. There is only one friend who is jealous — and that is Ginger, the dog. — Express Photo.

"I HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED  
AND PUNISHED UNHEARD"British Admiral  
Accuses  
The Admiralty

London, May 31.

The Admiral who was relieved of his duties in 1940 for allowing a French fleet to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar said today in a public statement that he had been "condemned and punished unheard."

Admiral Sir Dudley North made public a list of repeated requests he had made over the last 14 years for a hearing. He wanted a chance to explain why he failed to fight the French warships.

The hearing was denied, although the Admiral took his fight all the way to Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill.

The Admiralty refused to comment on Sir Dudley's statement. A spokesman said any statement it might make would be in reply to questions expected to be asked in Parliament.

Sir Dudley contended that confusion in orders left him uncertain as to what action the Admiralty expected him to take that day at Gibraltar when the French warships cruised from Tunis after the fall of France from the Mediterranean into the open Atlantic.

But the Admiral did not press the arguments of the issue today in his statement, a rare "sound-off" in the Royal Navy which has the reputation of being the "Silent Service."

## CORRECT CONDUCT

Rather, he simply made public the detailed list of the requests he made—fruitlessly—for a hearing to examine his actions, and concluded it with a fellow Admiral's statement that his conduct at the Gibraltar incident was correct.

Sir Dudley said that after he had repeatedly requested a chance to present his side of the case, he finally told the Admiralty, "I have consequently now no other alternative but to take such steps as are open to me."

New Australian  
Stamp Issue

Canberra, May 31.

Two new postage stamps portraying Queen Elizabeth II will be issued throughout Australia on June 23, the Australian General, Mr. Robert Anthony announced.

The stamps, for 2½ and 3½, will replace stamps of the same denominations depicting King George VI. —China Mail Special.

American  
Cars  
In China

Edinburgh, May 31.

Mr. Abe Moffat, who recently headed a delegation of Scottish miners on a three-week visit to Communist China, said every car they had seen there was American.

Asked how American cars were getting to China, he said he thought they were arriving by way of Hongkong and Japan.

Mr. Moffat, President of the Scottish area of the National Union of Miscellaneous Workers, said he did not see a single British-made car.

"Everywhere I went I asked 'why don't you have British cars?' The answer was: 'We will take British cars.'"

"I think it is a scandal to see the number of American cars in the streets of China and not a single British one," he added.

Mr. Moffat was speaking to reporters after a meeting of the Scottish area Executive. —Reuters.

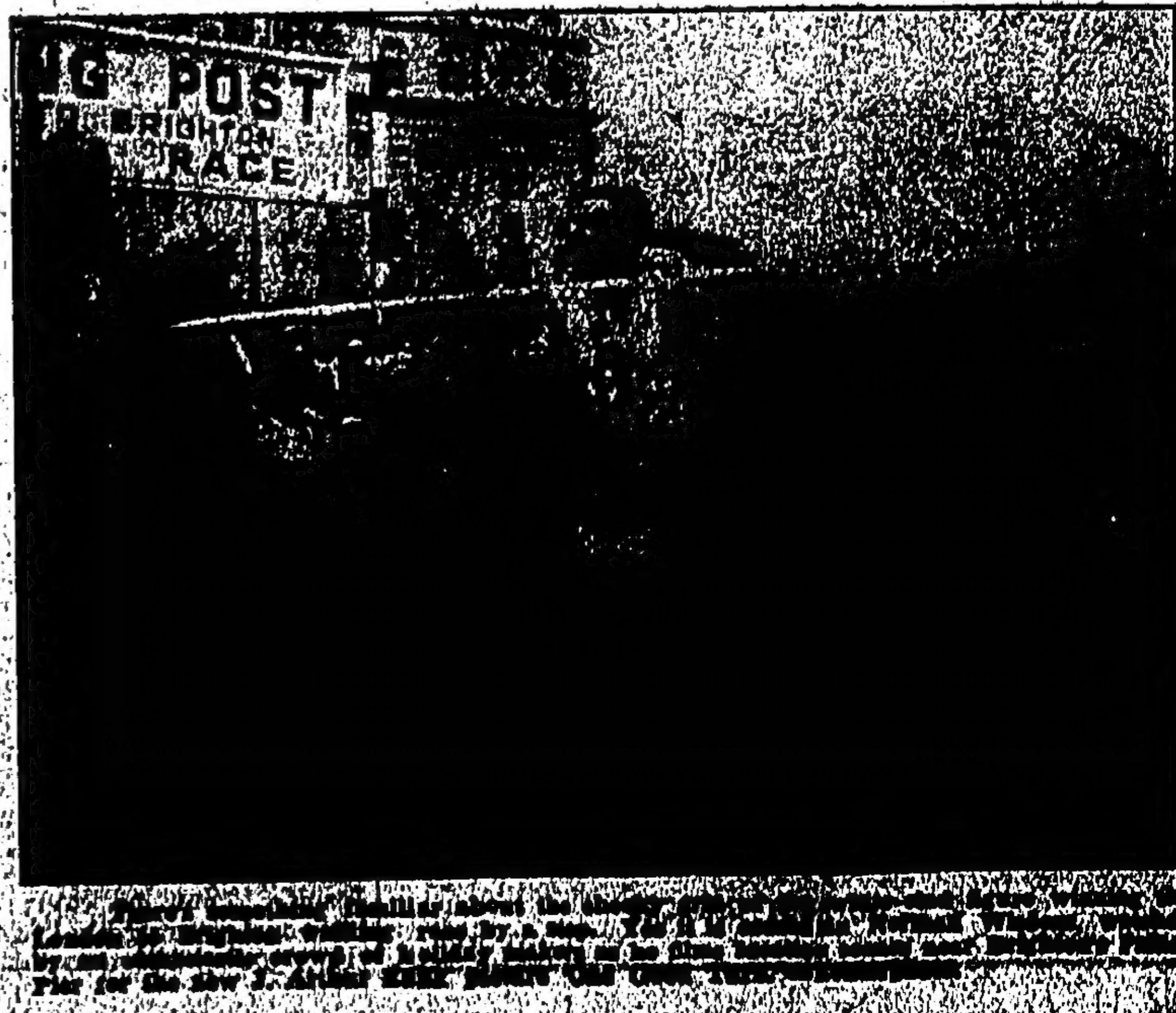
Support For  
Mr Costello

Dublin, May 31.

The Labour Party voted unanimously yesterday to join a coalition Government under Mr. John Costello when Parliament meets on Wednesday following the recent General Elections.

The decision assured Mr. Costello of a comfortable majority over Premier Eamon de Valera when the Deputies meet to elect a new Government. —United Press.

The case was accordingly withdrawn. —China Mail Special.

Who's This Athlete: Bannister,  
Chataway, Landy? It's Wisdom!

## Recuperating



Lady Churchill, who had been kept indoors for a fortnight with neuritis, shown leaving 10 Downing Street on the way to Aix-les-Bains, in France, to take the cure at the famous Spa. —Central Press Photo.

Emergency  
Reimposed  
In Buganda

Kampala, Uganda, May 31.

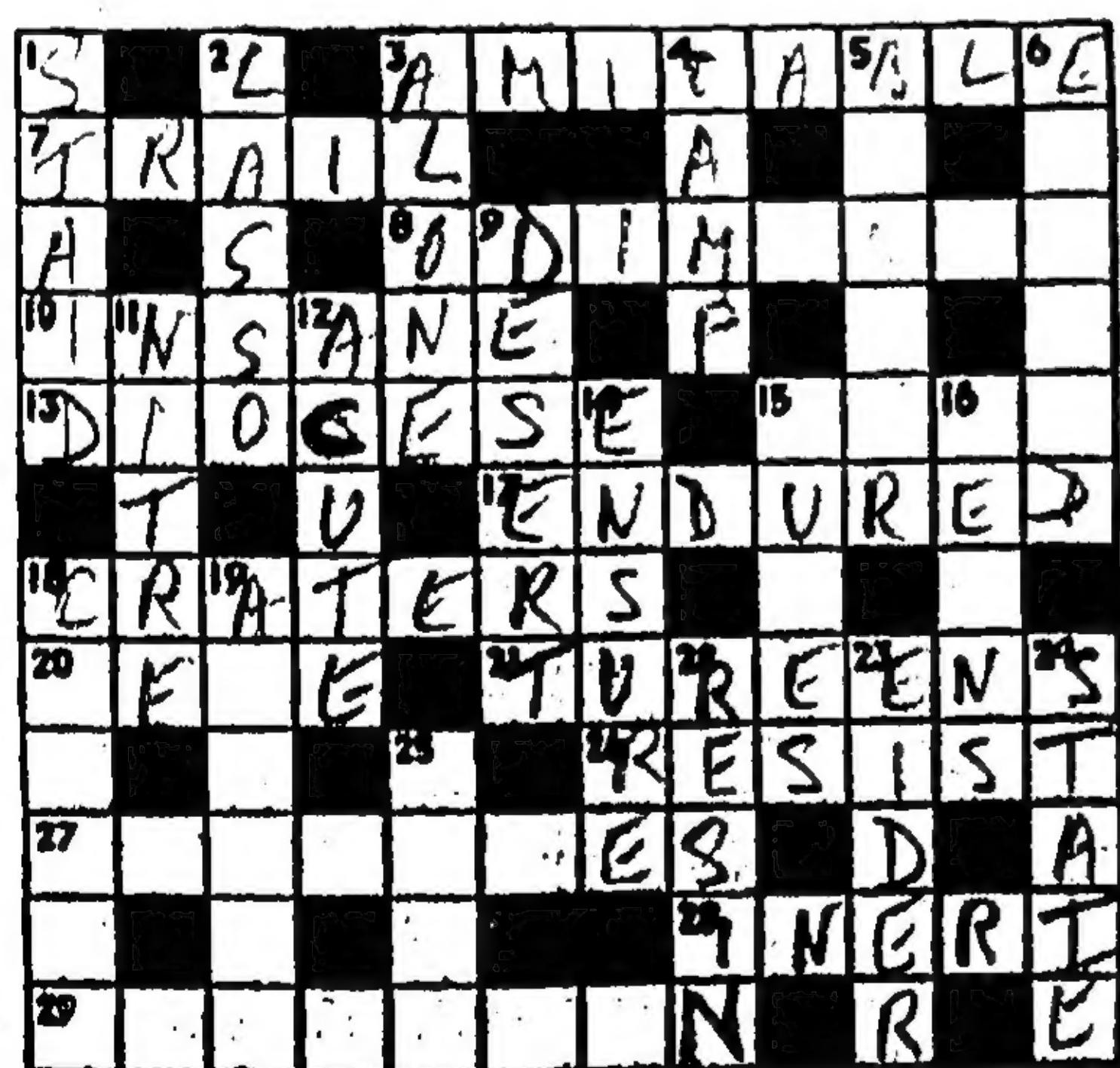
Sir Andrew Cohen, Governor of Uganda, today announced that special constabulary was being called up and the Commissioner of Police was appealing for volunteers of all races to undertake police patrols in and around Kampala so as to release the regular police for duty in rural areas following the reimposition of a state of emergency in the province of Buganda.

The Governor, in a statement, also said that troops of the 4th Uganda Battalion of the King's African Rifles were available in Jinja, northeast of here, should they be required.

The three suspended newspapers, printed in local languages—had for many months been persistently stirring up racial hatred, the statement said.

"The Governor is making it clear that he counts on the other vernacular newspapers to adopt a responsible attitude." —Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 3 Friendly (6).
- 7 Track (5).
- 8 Bits and pieces (8).
- 10 Mud (6).
- 13 Bishop's district (7).
- 15 Lake (4).
- 17 Lashed (7).
- 19 Shell-holes (7).
- 20 In this place (4).
- 21 Containers for soup (7).
- 26 Oppose (6).
- 27 Goes down (8).
- 28 Lifeless (5).
- 29 Occasion for voting (8).

## DOWN

- 1 Sober (6).
- 2 Lariat (5).
- 3 Solitary (5).
- 4 Tented settlement (4).
- 5 Badinage (6).
- 6 Followed (6).
- 9 Wilderness (6).
- 11 Chemist (5).
- 12 Sharp (5).
- 14 Make certain of (6).
- 15 Transport animals (5).
- 16 Part of harness (6).
- 18 Pure (6).
- 19 Fit for cultivation (6).
- 22 Tree gum (5).
- 23 Duck (5).
- 24 Condition (6).
- 25 Catalogue (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Spread, 8 Haven, 9 Pined, 9 Poles, 10 Vogue, 11 Star, 12 Laid, 13 Rest, 16 Arrest, 18 Tested, 20 Tread, 22 Part, 23 Tonic, 25 Odour, 26 Muzzle, 27 Asset, 28 Ordeal, 29 Needed, 30 Bewail, 31 Supplanted, 32 Resolute, 33 Ape, 34 Distort, 35 Reversed, 36 Adorned, 37 Exalt, 38 Strewed, 39 Boutled, 40 Assured, 41 Begotten, 42 Artiste, 43 Rides, 44 Ours.

## Importance Of Saar Pact

Washington, May 31.

Informed officials say that the Saar problem has become the pivot around which critical political and procedural manoeuvring in Paris now turns.

As the situation is understood here, a Saar settlement is now the last pre-condition which must be overcome before the French Assembly is called upon to vote for or against the Treaty.

Diplomatic informants claim that a settlement of the dispute has already been agreed to. They refer to the understanding reached by Chancellor Adenauer of Germany and M. Pierre-Henri Teitgen of France at Strasbourg last week.

The purported text of the Adenauer-Teitgen agreement published in Paris would appear to bear out the report of a favourable agreement at Strasbourg, according to Saar experts in Washington. The published version is understood to be authentic.

Publication of the Strasbourg agreement, which was officially denied by the Quai d'Orsay, is regarded as a source of embarrassment to the French government.

It is not seen as a happy augury for acceptance of the Adenauer-Teitgen blueprint by the Assembly.

## GERMAN APPROVAL

Some European diplomats speculate that anti-EDC politicians in Paris might resort to a demand for Bundestag approval of the Saar agreement before the Assembly comes to a vote on the EDC treaty.

They believe that such a move would be rejected unconditionally by German poli-

tical leaders, including Dr. Adenauer. It is the consensus of opinion in Washington that the Chancellor, who must take into account the Nationalist position on the Saar question of the Social Democratic Party and his own Right Wing allies in the Government coalition, carried his conciliatory policy toward France to the utmost limit at Strasbourg.

The manoeuvring in Paris during the next fortnight is expected to turn on two points: whether the Strasbourg agreement will be laid officially before the Assembly and whether the Assembly leadership can bring itself to decide on a date for ratification debate on the Army Treaty.

If the Saar agreement is laid aside or turned down, political observers here see little hope for implementation of the EDC pact. Likewise, failure in the next two weeks to fix a date for the EDC debate would mean putting it off until autumn, which would be tantamount to rejecting the Plan, in the opinion of these observers.

## OCCUPATION MUST END

German leaders have repeatedly emphasized to the United States that the Federal Republic will not be prepared to endure the Allied occupation longer than the end of 1954.

If no action is taken by France before the summer legislative session, the United States will feel it can no longer countenance the Germans' and will consider how to bring the Bonn government into effect as a matter of weeks, according to reliable informants. —United Press.



# THE FAILURE OF A COLONIAL VENTURE

By P. E. Witham

(former official of the Colonial Development Corporation)

IN 1948 Parliament authorised the creation of the Colonial Development Corporation as the official organisation to develop the Colonies' resources and thus help raise living standards there by establishing new profitable undertakings.

The Corporation's report for 1953 has just been issued. It shows a loss of about £1½ million last year, raising the total deficit to £9,000,000 since the C.D.C. was formed. Mention is made of obtaining authority to write off some £20 million incurred through liquidated schemes, but there is more than a hint of even more losses to come.

The time seems to be now appropriate to take stock of this venture. As it is, the British taxpayer is providing large sums which are obviously not achieving the target of helping the colonies.

To assess the situation, it is necessary first to examine the reasons why it was deemed necessary to set up a form of state-aided development; secondly, to seek the causes of failure; finally, to see whether other, better methods could be employed.

## After The War

In the first instance, the C.D.C. was formed because some sort of state-aided organisation was needed to assist private enterprise in overseas development. Earlier, private enterprise, together with some local colonial government aid, had done all that was then necessary. But after the last war, particularly, it was obvious that something had to be done on a much bigger scale. It was made clear that the new or-

ganisation was not to rival private enterprise but to partner it or fill certain gaps. With this broad principle there can surely be no serious opposition.

While it was laid down that the C.D.C. was generally to engage only in profitable schemes, it was realised that certain risks might be incurred which private enterprise would avoid. And that some projects by reason of their long-term nature, might take many years before becoming viable.

It was expected, however, that a number of others would bring in revenue soon and create a balance. Other schemes, necessary or desirable but unprofitable, were already entered for by Colonial Development and Welfare Fund under the Colonial Office.

## The Causes

The Corporation was granted authority to borrow up to £100 millions from the Treasury, but the interest on advances was suspended for the first seven years. According to the 1953 report already some £43½ million have been committed.

Now as to the cause of failure. Right from the start the C.D.C. ignored the injunction to balance viable and long-term undertakings. Many of the approved projects, moreover, could never be profitable and as such should have been left to C.D.W. Assessment of schemes seems to have been perfunctory and nearly every project had later to call in fresh capital.

The Corporation at first plunged into full-scale commercial working and ignored pilot schemes. Then, too, local advice was frequently ignored, and changes of internal policy and administration took place both in London and overseas. These had an unsettling effect on staff and otherwise.

How can a solution be found? Britain must make no more mistakes, for her prestige overseas is at stake.

Nearly all Britain's Colonial troubles spring from economic causes. If they could be removed there would be less scope for Communists or nationalist demagogues.

Required is a melting of immediate personal benefits—more employment, higher wages or new markets from successful schemes. The one golden rule is: better not attempt a doubtful project at all than later be forced to abandon it.

The first thing to do is to re-empower the C.D.C. It is not necessary to maintain an expensive organisation costing just on £400,000 a year. The

Colonial Office should be capable of taking care of this type of development as it does for C.D. & W.

The only valid reason for maintaining a separate body would be if the Commonwealth as a whole would join in the work, and this is probably the best solution. Commonwealth members are vitally interested and could help materially by finance and technical advice. They could hardly be expected to do so unless they had a say in policy. Hence there is a case for setting up a Commonwealth Development Board to develop and administer the work of day-by-day development. Remote long-range control from London, except for overall policy and financial responsibility, to the Treasury should be cut. At present the Corporation maintains Regional Controllers but they have a very limited power, and the hub is still in London. This is not true decentralisation.

Regional Boards should be created to fall within the natural geographical limits in which the colonies naturally fall. They would cover the Caribbean, West Africa, East Africa, Central Africa, the Far East and the Pacific. Members of these Boards would be appointed from local officials and business men. Boards would only approve viable schemes, leaving others to C.D. & W.

## Better Conditions

As Britain's avowed policy is to better conditions in the Colonies and improve education, there should be within each region instructional schools to teach development work in every phase. Administration, executive control, specialist and technical subjects down to ordinary field-work should be taught so that eventually the colonial inhabitants could take over their own projects. Thus they would have a solid stake in the work of their own development.

This would induce a sense of pride of achievement. The inhabitants are at present highly critical, and a sense of frustration and disillusionment has been engendered by C.D.C.'s numerous failures. If Britain wishes to keep her colonies, she must create a feeling of partnership—otherwise she will hand over these territories to the paid agitator whose work is only too easy when living conditions are bad.



"Doesn't the news these days make you look at your neighbours in rather a suspicious light?"

London Express Service

# SUPERSTITION IN THE SOVIET UNION

By Dennis Bardens

A STRANGE drama of the emotions was enacted recently in the Gorky Milling Machine Plant in Gorky in the USSR. Galina Fyodorovna was having an argument with Katya Prokofyeva, a tool distributor in Shop 20.

"Leave my boy friend alone!" stormed Galina, "if you don't stop running after Vitka, I'll get even with you!"

It was just a tiff between friends, on a theme as old as

time itself. But the sequel is worth noting. A few days later Katya, the alleged purveyor of other girls' boy friends, was taken ill. Her mother wanted to call a doctor, but Katya wouldn't allow it.

"It's no use, Mum. Galina put the evil eye on me because of Vitka Platonov."

## Dragged Away

TWO old ladies, who were present when she said this, diagnosed the situation at once.

"It's a spell!" they said, and shook their heads in grim foreboding.

Very soon a frightened and puzzled Galina was taken from her home and almost dragged to where her friend lay ill.

"Take the spell off Katya!" they demanded. Galina, of course, denied the accusations of witchcraft, but hysterical denunciations were flung at her from all sides, until militiaman Stremov looked in to see what all the noise was about. In the confusion Galina slipped off home.

And what did the militiaman do, as he listened to these accusations of sorcery and spells? Did he, as a Communist-trained materialist, denounce it all as nonsense? Not at all. He sought out Galina at her home, brought her back to the Prokofyeva household, and commanded her to remove the spell.

## Most Primitive

THIS story, which sounds almost like an episode from the Dark Ages, is related by I. Shatunovsky in a recent issue (December 18) of the newspaper of the Soviet youth movement, Komsomolskaya Pravda. It is a highly factual article which shows the extraordinary prevalence of superstition within the USSR—one of the very weaknesses which materialistic Communism was supposed to eradicate.

The instance of belief in the evil eye, shared even by the militiaman, is only one of numerous evidences of widespread superstition, often of the most primitive kind, in the USSR. At the same time, there to be seen on still a few scraps

of ample evidence of an intensification of propaganda against religion, and proof that despite the fact that the Soviet youth movement is constantly indoctrinated with atheistic films, lectures and literature, religion has by no means been eradicated in Russia. And where lack of religious tuition, and repressive legislation, have created a void, that void has been filled very often, not by rank materialism, but by superstition.

To return to Katya and her bewitchment. Doctors who examined her the next day diagnosed her complaint without difficulty, and she was removed to a hospital. But grandfather Yefreyev was pessimistic:

"The polyclinic is powerless before an unclear force. The only thing that can cure a curse is the holy Lake Svetloyar."

So there exists in modern Russia not simply a belief in spells, curses and enchantments, but in miracles too! So it seems, for pilgrims come from all over the USSR to visit Lake Svetloyar. And these pilgrims are not old people, members of a long-past and discredited regime; they are the new guard, the members of the "brave new world."

## On All Fours

IN fact, says Komsomolskaya Pravda, last summer some young schoolgirls crawled round the lake on all fours, in the belief that this would ensure success in examinations. The legend still survives that when the Basmanan (Tartar) hordes attacked this area, they captured the young girls and attempted to desecrate the Orthodox church. The Lord, to prevent such a desecration caused the church to sink beneath the ground, and a lake to appear where the church stood.

And if you crawl round the lake three times on all fours, you will hear the ringing of bells, and the church will show itself to you from the depths of the lake.

A holy lake in Gorky Province draws a regular stream of believers who come in quest of miracles. The villages of Ivanovka and Pomyazhin have recently been terrorised by an "evil spirit," according to Komsomolskaya Pravda, of February 24, 1954. The "spirit," a figure in white, rose out of the snow, covered the walls of the Filipov and Marulin families, and caused the streets and clubs to become deserted.

Later, the "spirit" was found to be something tangible enough to be walked on still. A few scraps

## NO DRILL BECAUSE THE REDS OBJECT

Geneva. THE Chinese and Vietnam delegates to the Geneva conference don't like military drill—not even in a boys' school. They said just this to the Geneva authorities and almost started a diplomatic incident in neutral Switzerland.

Adjacent to the Hotel Residence where leading members of the Chinese and Vietnam Communist delegations are residing, there is a small private school for boys from eight to 15 years of age. Every day the boys are given drill in the school grounds. "Left, right, left, right, right turn, left turn, halt"—the old stuff every child has had in any country in the world. No guns, no pistols, no football.

But the school playground is under the windows of the rooms of the Chinese and Viet. They thought it was obnoxious to teach young children to become soldiers. Obnoxious because these children are Swiss and not Chinese, possibly. They made a complaint to the authorities.

From the local policeman guarding the delegation the complaint went to the Chief of Police. From him to the President of the Geneva Government. And to please the Chinese, the President of the Geneva Government, M. Charles Duboulet, has sent a letter to M. Philippe Rivat, the owner and head of the school, asking him to cut out the military exercises of his boys until after the conference.

The Chinese are happy. The Viet are happy. But the boys, who loved their hour off from the "three R's," are not so happy. For they are getting arithmetic instead.—London Express Service.

## POE MEETS THE 3-D PHANTOM

By LES ARMOUR

London. EDGAR Allan Poe paced uncomfortably up and down in Never-Never Land.

It was his first visit there. Most of the time, he lived in Hardy-Ever Land. Enough odd things happened there to keep him happy.

Two shop stewards from the 3-D Technicolour Phantom's Union stopped him and asked whether he had a union card for the job.

"Not working. Just here for a visit," Poe retorted. There was an undisguised iciness in his voice.

"Then you're not working in the new picture 'Phantom of the Rue Morgue'?"

"No. I just wrote the book!"

The phantoms looked at him dusterfully. There was no work for a 3-D phantom in a book.

## LOTS OF NOISE

Poe took up the conversation. His curiosity had been aroused: "I thought you weren't supposed to see phantoms."

The phantoms resisted an urge to sting him from a chandelier. Instead, they gave him the kind of look you get from your teenage daughter when you suggest that she should be home by midnight.

"You got the phantom business all wrong, bud," said the biggest of them. "The whole idea of a phantom is to scare the daylight out of you. The phantom is supposed to jump out of the screen and land in the customer's lap."

"Isn't there such a thing as the suspense which comes from unseen terror?"

"No dice. You gotta hit the customer right between the eyes. Leap at him. Growl at him. Now in this here picture, I play a great big ape. I make lots of noise. I throw women around. From the first time you see me on the screen, you know just what's what."

"Mind you, they're a little slow in getting me into the act. They string along with the book for quite a while! Lots of suspense. But you can see the customers wouldn't really go for it. So they toss in some dancing girls and cabarets and knife-throwers and jazzy music."

## COULDN'T COMPETE

Poe walked away back to Hardy-Ever Land. It was plain that he couldn't compete with this sort of thing.

In Never-Never Land the show went on. French actor Claude Dauphin, who was being the Police Inspector, was rather sorry to see Poe go. He had tried his best to keep up the Poe spirit.

Stove Forrest and Patricia Medina were rather glad to see him go. If Poe had been making the story, they doubted whether they could have got married in the last scene and gone off certain that they would live happily ever after. But their conscience didn't bother them. They had done their best to make Poe's "Rue Morgue" come to life and they had done it rather well.

Only the stunt men were indignantly happy at his departure. Poe just didn't understand 3-D.

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## SIX NEW SAINTS BEING NAMED

By George Lucas

THIS week-end and in early June, Pope Pius XII will nominate six new saints. Over 100,000 people have already arrived from all over the world to attend the St Peter's canonisation ceremonies, the most impressive and colourful of the Catholic ritual.

Pilgrims have invaded all available hotels, pensions, boarding houses, hostels, convents, monasteries, and private rooms. Many had to find accommodation in towns and villages up to fifty miles away from the capital.

The six new saints differ much from one another.

There is a pope and a prince, a woman and a 16-year-old boy, a priest who defied Napoleon and a missionary who was killed by natives.

The Pope is Pius X, the kind-hearted, modest patriarch of Venice who spoke the native dialect and spent all his money helping the poor. He is the 78th pope—the 258 who have sat on Peter's throne—to become a saint. None had been canonised for 242 years. The last was Pius V, pope from 1566 to 1572 and canonised in 1912.

Prince Giuseppe Pignatelli di Monteleone was born in Spain in 1787 and became a Jesuit. Later he came to Italy and devoted his life to reorganising and consolidat-

ing the order. He died in 1811.

Maria Crocchi di Rosa was born in Brescia, North Italy, in 1813 of a rich family of wool manufacturers. Early in life she began to care for the girls working in her father's mills and later founded a charitable order, "Ancello Della Carita." She showed great courage and energy during the 1836 cholera epidemic.

Domenico Savio, favourite pupil of Saint Giovanni Bosco, died in 1857, aged 15, after a painful illness which he bore with Christian fortitude.

Gespare Del Bufalo was born in Rome in 1786 and died in 1837. He founded the missionary order of "Precious Blood" and was put in gaol by Napoleon for refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the Emperor. Pierre Chanel was born in France in 1803 and went as a missionary to the South Pacific Islands. He converted many natives of Futuna Island, including the son of King Nuluki. In 1841 the King became jealous of Chanel's influence and ordered him to be put to death.

No other pope in history has created more saints than Pius XII. With the new saints, they will number 82. His predecessor, Pius XI, nominated 26.



## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Play Your Game With Caution

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN the opponents have five cards of a suit, it is quite reasonable to suppose that they will be divided 3-2. This is a reasonable probability, but not a dead certainty. South lost his game contract in today's hand because he relied too much on this probability.

West opened the king of clubs and shifted to spades when he saw the dummy. Declarer won the second trick with dummy's king of trump, drew two rounds of trump, and then led the jack of clubs to give West his ace. West led a third club to dummy's queen and South gracefully discarded his queen of diamonds.

The game now depended on a reasonable break in spades. South had already lost two club tricks and could afford to lose only one spade.

As it turned out, the spades did not break. South was compelled to lose two spade tricks, and his game contract therefore failed.

South could have made his contract by taking the right discard on dummy's queen of

NORTH		25
AK 53		
AQ 108		
Q63		
WEST (D)		EAST
AQ		AJ1007
74		95
K10863		J752
AK874		1082
SOUTH		
8642		
KJ32		
AQ		
J5		
Both sides vul.		
West North East South		
1 ♠ Double Pass 2 ♥		
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥		
Pass Pass Pass		
Opening lead—A ♣		

clubs. Instead of throwing the queen of diamonds, declarer could have thrown a low spade.

Declarer could then test out the spades by cashing dummy's ace of spades. If the suit broke, he could continue with another spade, and could get back to dummy with a trump in order to discard the queen of diamonds on dummy's last spade.

As the cards actually lay, declarer would discover the 4-1 break in spades. He could then take the ace of diamonds (refusing the finesse) and lead the queen of diamonds to put West in the lead. West would be forced to return a club or a diamond, allowing dummy to ruff while South discarded his last spade.

## CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1 Diamond 1 Spade  
You, South, hold: Spades K-J-8-7-6, Hearts 5-2, Diamonds 5-2, Clubs 10-4-2. What do you do?  
A—Pass. Your hand is useful only in defence against spades, and the one sure way to drive the opponents into a different contract is to double.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered.  
You, South, hold: Spades A-Q, Hearts A-5-2, Diamonds K-5-2, Clubs Q-10-4-2. What do you do?  
Answer Tomorrow

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

BORN today, you have an immediate special talent with design and colour. Your home will be beautiful, bright and gay. You are an excellent homemaker. It appears that your life runs in cycles of three. The first cycle is a good fortune—just as you are in a good way, no matter what happens, you are a confirmed optimist and are always looking at the world through rose-coloured glasses. Nothing is so bad, today, but what it may be fine tomorrow. Consequently you plunge ahead into anything that intrigues you, without having too close a look to see if the basic idea is sound.

You have strong family ties and will be happiest if you wed early in life. Fond of children, you will

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Exercise with all minor annoyances and they will not turn into major difficulties.  
CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You will find comfort and happiness at home this evening within the close family circle.  
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Best for you to be conservative in your expenditures and not permit yourself to be wasteful or extravagant.  
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If necessary, adapt harmoniously to any sudden changes which occur in the pattern of your life.  
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Conserve both time and money by using proper methods in all that you undertake at this time.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Show some initiative today, but not be as easy as things happen as they come, but it brings progress.



"Now, Fenster, what's this nonsense about needing a secretary?"

## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

WHEN the love of the sea is in a millionaire's blood, calling him to adventure and peril, there is nothing he will not do to make his yacht seaworthy.

The description I have just read of a wealthy mariner's yacht omits all mention of a runabout car for tours of the deck, a skating-rink, and a small golf-course with helicopter to carry the clubs. Yet how boring life at sea can become without these amenities, as the boat labours in a bumpy sea, on the run from Beaulieu.

"Pioneers! O Pioneers!"

THE following is copied word for word from a cutting sent to me:

She tried a small diamond on her nose, faced with a pin in the nostril. That started something. Mrs. Harker after the diamond-studded girl. Now she's wearing a pair of decorative clips worth £250. Not in the usual way, though. One is on her nose. She wears the other on her left ear.

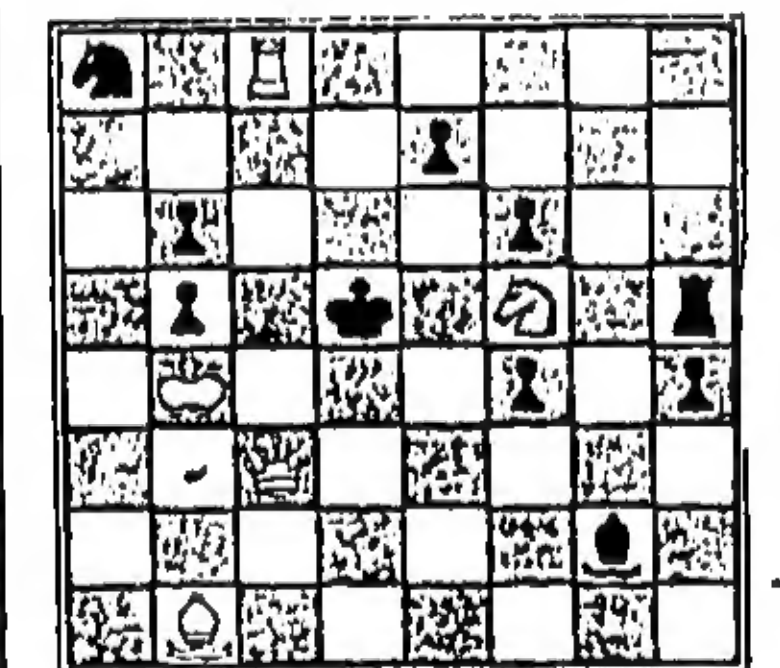
Two more on the kneecaps, and she'll be the toast of the season.

Here, there and everywhere

FIREMEN yesterday rescued a seagull which had got its neck wedged in a milk bottle containing a ship at Eastbourne. The owner, an old sailor named

## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. SCHEEL  
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-Kt5, any; 2. Kt (ch, or dis ch) mates.

Cuffe, presented the bottle to the local Bird-Watchers' Circle. A FISHMONGER at Tutfold knocked down a man who said with a sneer, "I don't think much of your muscles." The assailant pleaded that he thought it was a reference to his muscles.

A CHINESE jeweller at Car-shallon found a chaffinch's nest in a lump of spinach. He ate both.

In passing

A DARING person has been A trounced for saying that a lump of wood with a hole in it, exhibited as sculpture, is ugly. He was told that it would be reasonable to say, "I think it ugly," but that it is unreasonable to say so dogmatically about it. What nonsense! People must make up their minds about things. Whatever else the "advanced" sculpture may be, it is hideous and repulsive and debased. I do not think that, I know it, by using my eyes and judging by a reasonable standard, accepted by all men of a certain degree of intelligence until quite recently. It is the fear of having strong convictions about these things (and so incurring the disgrace of being "old-fashioned") that produces timid and wishy-washy verdicts on degenerate art, and encourages the revolt against beauty.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Teddy Finds a Picnic Napkin

—So He and Knarf and Hanid Had a Picnic!—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY the Stuffed Bear started shouting at the top of his voice: "Knarf! Hanid! Come here, quick!"

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, who were at the other end of the garden looking for buttercups in the high grass, heard Teddy's voice. They hurried over to the garden wall to see what he wanted them for.

### A Mystery

"Just look at this," said Teddy, and he held up a small napkin with a big hole in the middle. "I was sitting on this wall," explained Teddy, "just as I am now. All of a sudden this tablecloth-or-something came flying across the field from somewhere-or-other and hit me smack in the face."

Hanid said: "It isn't a tablecloth, Teddy. It's a napkin. It must have been blown here by the wind from somebody's clothesline."

"I think it was just thrown away," said Knarf. "Look, at that big hole in the middle of it."

Teddy and Hanid now looked at the big hole in the middle of the napkin and decided that it was thrown away by somebody

on account of the hole, "because," said Teddy, "a napkin with a hole in the middle is no good for napping with."

### What to Do?

And now the question came up about what to do with the napkin with the hole in the middle of it. It was finally decided to go to the middle of the field on the other side of the garden wall and find a nice, flat grassy spot to spread the napkin over, and there have a picnic.

"That's a wonderful idea," said Teddy. "All we need now is some food. We can't go on a picnic without food."

So Hanid went back to the house and got three crackers with jelly on them, and three cupcakes with chocolate on them, and three pieces of candy. Then they all started out. They reached the middle of the field and found a pleasant, grassy spot under an old apple tree.

Then Hanid spread the napkin neatly on the grass.

"It's a beautiful picnic napkin," said Teddy. "But it certainly has a big hole in the middle of it. I wish it didn't have that hole."

"I'll cover it up," said Hanid.

She put the three crackers, the three cupcakes, and the three



Teddy held up a small napkin with a hole in the middle.

pieces of candy right in the middle of the napkin where the hole was.

"Now you can't see the hole at all," said Hanid.

Nobody was hungry enough to start eating, so they played a little game of tag, running around and around the napkin. Finally they all sat down.

"Look," cried Knarf pointing to the things in the middle of the napkin where the hole was, "somebody's been eating our picnic lunch. The three crackers with the jelly on them are gone!"

Hanid and Teddy stared at the centre of the napkin in astonishment. Knarf was right. The jellycrackers were gone. But who could have taken them? No one was there!

The next second, the three cupcakes vanished right before their eyes.

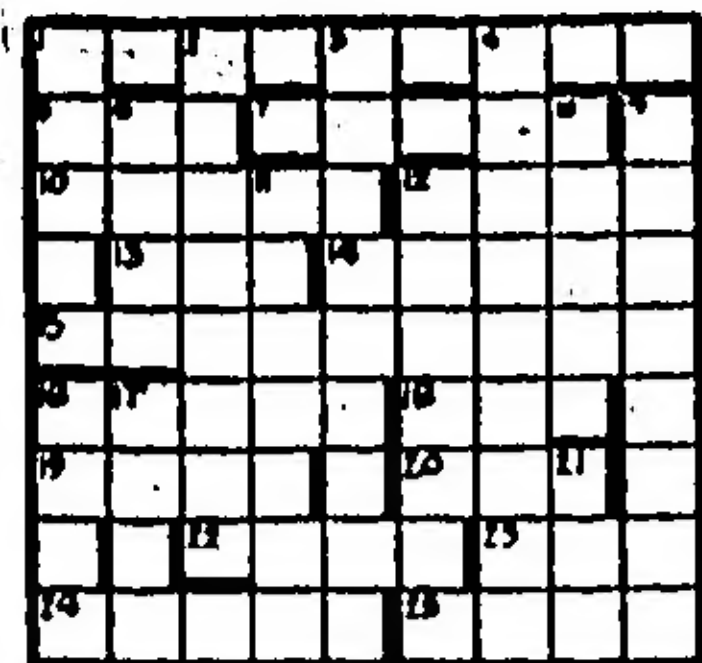
"They fell down the hole in the napkin!" shouted Knarf.

### A Picnic for Rabbit

A second later, the three candles began vanishing. Knarf and Hanid and Wally grabbed them back just in time and three right in the middle of the napkin. A rabbit stuck up his head. "You had your picnic right over the door of my underground house," the rabbit said. "I thought that food was for me. I'm sorry if I spoiled your picnic."

"That's the trouble," said Teddy, "with using a picnic napkin with a hole in the middle of it."

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Hack back and raves around (6)  
2. Bourda as if you are the sheep (6)  
3. Milton called them lazy, leader-stepping (6)  
4. Three-year-olds only in this (6)  
5. Change it as you get up speed (6)  
6. Tailed without Ted (3)  
7. A robin redbreast in a cage puts all heaven in (1, 4)  
8. All about is ended (9)  
9. There's trickery about it (6)  
10. Linked with neither (6)  
11. Dutch once turn up the earth (6)  
12. Follow closely (3)  
13. This makes a trickle (4)  
14. He's a poor type of down-to-earth fellow (4)  
15. This can be seen through any (6)  
16. Cleopatra's executioners (4)

Down  
1. It grows in rows (6)  
2. You're getting the truth in a back-fire, view for outside position (6)  
3. Core sala (anag.) (9)  
4. Big houses were once made with these (1, 4)  
5. Studied anew (4)  
6. Water about herbs? (6)  
7. I've been with deer—with varying success (6)  
8. "Behold the child among his new-born" (Wordsworth) (7)  
9. He's your father to your son (6)  
10. Com-buy may be the new name (4)  
11. Don't see it, it's your temperamental (4)  
12. Bull-bait makes now occasionally (3)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

## DUMB-BELLS



## Smart Paris Creation



A new smart Spring suit designed by the famous Paris dressmaker, MARY ROUFF.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If you use aluminium foil during baking, use a section only slightly larger than the utensil. If you cover the entire bottom of the oven with foil, it will cut off the circulation of heat and prevent correct cooking.

To keep steaks from curling when you broil them, score the outer edges of the fat at one-inch intervals.

Clean and peel fruits and vegetables on paper for easy disposal of the peellings. No mess to clean from the sink.

Boil sausages for about eight minutes before they're fried, to prevent shrinking and breaking.

# WOMANSENSE

## DIOR EXPLAINS A PARADOX

## Fashion Is No Longer Fashionable When It Becomes A General Fashion

New York. Christian Dior, the designer who gave the "new look" to the world, says a good style is its own executioner.

"When the fashion spreads so widely as to become a general fashion, it automatically becomes unfashionable," the Paris designer explains in his first book.

Dior quotes another famed Paris designer, Gabrielle Chanel, as saying that copies are the penalty of success.

"But even the most successful model can no longer interest us if it is copied too much," he adds in "Talking About Fashion" (G. P. Putnam's Sons), just published.

He tells the story of his career from the middle 1930's, when he began his drawings, to 1947, when he opened his Paris shop and became almost overnight, an international figure with his fashion revolution.

## NO COLLUSION

Apparently the designer didn't know what effect he would have on fashion.

"On the eve of the first collection, if I had been asked what I had done, I should certainly not have spoken of 'revolution,'" Dior writes.

The designer denies that there ever is collusion between designers—that they get together to decide new trends.

"People who say that can have no idea at all what fashions are and how they are created," he says. "How could original design be possible in a set atmosphere with no chance for imagination?"

The designer says it's only good business for designers to try to keep their plans to themselves.

"If unveiled in advance," he adds, "the latest fashion would no longer be the latest and would lose its attraction."

Yet the designer concedes there is nothing new in style.

"Nothing is ever invented, everything springs from something else," he writes. Dior

adds that the famed Molyneux influenced him most, but many factors affect his designing—everything from world events to a spring landscape.

"I make innumerable notes on tablecloths, restaurant bills," he writes. "I am always equipped with a whole forest of pencils. At night I wake up, scribble something down, go off to sleep and continue my dream—a dream haunted by dresses. Little by little, I form the picture of a silhouette...."

Dior says he does not know

that any one or several of his designs will become a hit. Sometimes, he says, he will count on a number to be successful, only to find it ignored.

"These unnoticed ideas often reappear a season or two later," he adds. "This time they are a hit—no one knows why. They are in tune with the mood of the day...."

But in the final analysis, the wearer decides.

"The dress designer proposes, a woman disposes," he concludes.—United Press.

## Recipes For Exotic Salad Dressings

A BOWL of crisp salad greens with a perfectly blended dressing is healthful and pleasing.

It is good to prepare a basic French dressing and then add any additional spices or flavoring, sparingly, at first, increasing the amounts according to your taste.

Dry mustard, marjoram, garlic, Worcestershire, Tabasco, oregano, curry, dill are just a few of the many spices you might use to vary the flavour of the dressing so that it will complement both the salad greens and the main dish. Be sure to shake the dressing vigorously after combining ingredients and again before using.

Always have salad greens thoroughly dry, crisp and cold before adding dressing. Use just enough dressing to coat the vegetables, and toss lightly with salad forks to avoid bruising them.

Want to try a zesty French dressing, one that we have found pleasing to practically every palate?

To prepare 1½ cups, combine and shake or beat until thoroughly mixed, one c. salad oil, ½ c. cider vinegar, 2 tsp. sugar, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. dry mustard and ¼ tsp. celery seed. Store in refrigerator, covered, until needed. Makes 1 pt.

¼ tsp. each paprika, dry mustard and horseradish. Chill in tightly-covered jar. Shake again each time just before using.

Sour Cream Dressing, served over crisp shredded cabbage or other sharp salad greens, is really good.

Combine 3 tbsp. sugar, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. paprika and 1 tsp. dry mustard, mixing well. Fold in 1 c. sour cream, then add ¼ c. vinegar, mixing well.

Symphony French dressing goes well with a salad that includes grapefruit.

Measure into a bottle or jar 1/3 c. each sugar and cider vinegar, 2/3 c. salad oil, 2 tsp. lemon juice, 1/3 c. ketchup, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. paprika.

Cover tightly and shake well. Chill. Shake thoroughly before using. Makes about 1 1/8 c. dressing.

For a good cold slaw dressing, combine and mix thoroughly, 1 1/2 c. mayonnaise, ½ c. cider vinegar, 2 tsp. grated onion with juice, 2 tsp. sugar, 2 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. dry mustard and ¼ tsp. celery seed. Store in refrigerator, covered, until needed. Makes 1 pt.

— Alice Denhoff

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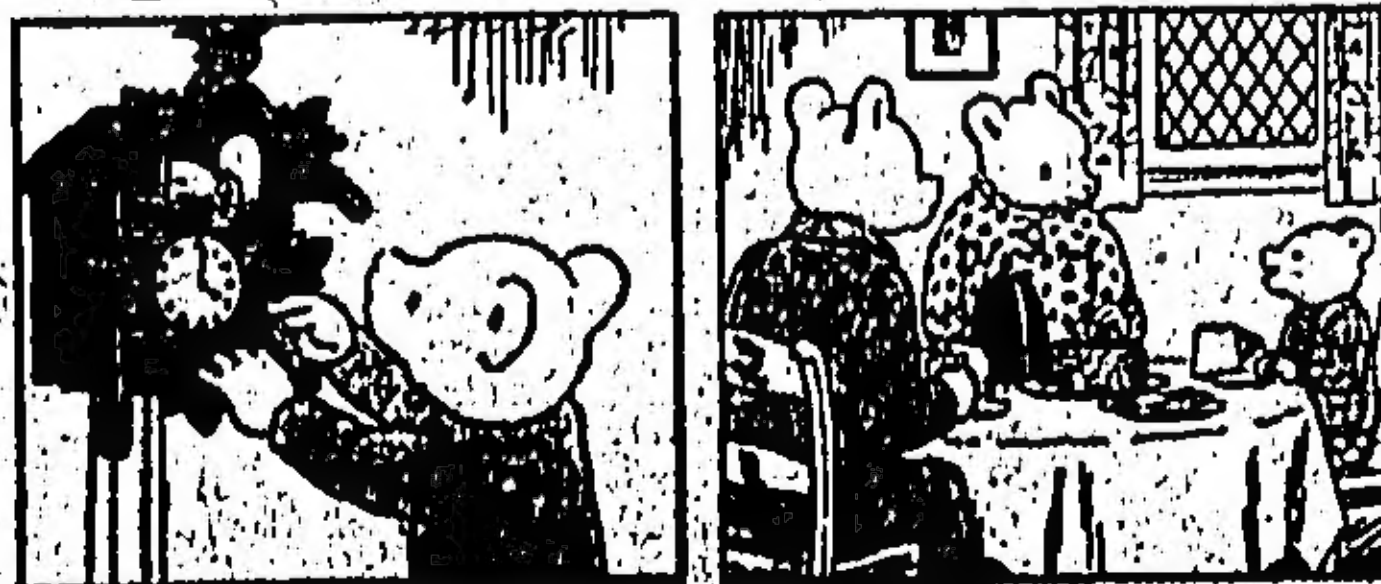
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## Rupert and The Lost Cuckoo—35



"Sure enough, it's so close to the tiny door is opened the cuckoo pops its head out. Why, where have you been?" cries Rupert. "I've been to Mr. Noah's picnic. Then you vanished and I was alone. I thought you'd gone to Africa." "I've been to Africa," declares the other. "I've been to Africa," declares the other. "I've been to Africa," declares the other.





## Craigengower Badminton Tournament

Schoolboy S. K. Wong eliminated Hongkong University's S. A. Vau in three sets 15-15, 15-4, 15-6 to qualify for the quarter-final round of the Craigengower Cricket Club Open Senior Men's Singles Badminton Championship yesterday.

Wong meets Jimmy Ku at the C.C.C. this evening at 10 p.m.

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Senior Men's Singles  
H. N. Hoyle beat Thomas Tung 15-7, 15-7  
Bill Funk beat Ko Wan-hung 15-9, 15-8  
S. K. Wong beat S. A. Vau 15-10, 15-4, 15-6

Open Senior Men's Doubles  
Wong Kai-chung & W. F. Foo beat Z. A. Abba & C. T. Leong 15-7, 15-7

### TODAY'S GAMES

Open Senior Men's Singles  
8.30 p.m. M. A. Elsam v Y. S. Lim  
9.00 p.m. Yew Meng-tong v B. N. Hoyle  
Open Senior Men's Doubles  
9.30 p.m. Y. S. Lim & Bill Funk v Frank Yeh & Chong Yee  
Open Senior Men's Singles  
10 p.m. Jimmy Ku v S. K. Wong

## John Landy Fails

Took, Finland, May 13  
John Landy, 24-year-old Australian, today failed in his bid to beat Roger Hanström's fastest time for the mile.  
Landy clocked four minutes 16 seconds compared with Hanström's three minutes 39.4 seconds—Reuter.

# The Canadian Cricketers Are No Novices

Says DENNIS ROBERTS

The MCC are paying all expenses of the Canadian cricketers to tour England from the time they leave Montreal in July until the day they arrive back there in September. It will probably cost more than £4,000.

This is the first official cricket tour here by Canadians. But dismiss any notions you may have about them being novices.

Basel Robinson, their captain, is confident with players like Tom Brasher, Jim Cameron and Leslie Wright in his party. Robinson, 31, was an off-spin bowler who helped Oxford University against Cambridge in 1947 and 1948. Now he is foreign service officer at Canada House, and it was from him I learned more of the tourists.

**IN TEST CRICKET**  
Cameron and Wright played in Test cricket for the West Indies. Wright, 31, is a prolific scorer who once hit 202 not out in a 300 first-wicket stand for British Guiana. It is his brother, Peter, who is now doing so well for Somerset.

**WICKETKEEPER** Brasher, of course, played for Glamorgan before the war and for Lancashire after it. He now lives in Vancouver.

**OPENING BOWLERS** Peter Slead and Brian Christie both from Yorkshire. Another West Indian is off-spin bowler John Lick, who played for Barbados. Two of the players are natives of Australia.

**BASEBALL PLAYER**  
There is, incidentally, some home produce in the side, including an ex-Brooklyn Dodger baseball professional, 37, the name of Harry G. Sullivan. He comes from Calgary, Alberta, and is a former pitcher.

Bill Hendry, left-hand bowler and left-hand batsman, is a Vancouver detective, who has been playing cricket for about 20 years. The playing manager is Lew Gunn, Canadian cricketer and Association president who toured England with a former side in 1949.

## Singapore Team To Row At Henley

By Hylton Cleaver

The first crew from a British station in the Far East ever to row at Henley Royal Regatta have arrived here and have begun training at Putney. This four-oared crew represent the Royal Singapore Yacht Club.

The club have dominated rowing in the Far East for some years, and in 1953 won the club championship for fours at Mirl-Bellait. One member of that crew, P. Hamilton Snowball, is to row at Henley.

A member of the club has provided the crew with a new boat, to be built by Edwin Phelps at Putney, but they are at present training in a boat borrowed from Barclays Bank.

They are a heavy crew. They are all from English schools and are civilians permanently stationed in Singapore.

At how is P. R. Dugdale, who will steer. He was at Canford School and Magdalen College, Oxford. A. C. Hardy, a 14 stone 10, is also in the crew. He is at Merton, Oxford, and is at 2 and 3 in P. Hamilton Snowball's boat.

**DIRECT PRODUCE**  
He stands 6ft 2in, weighs 13 stone 7lb, and comes from Blackham School, where there do not row, therefore he is a direct product of Singapore.

J. D. F. Peppas, a descendant of the famous, is at stroke. He stands 6ft 2in, weighs 12 stone, and was at Wellington and Brasenose.

Not one of these has rowed at Henley before or even got into a college first eight at the University, but they have been rowing in Singapore for several years.

At the same time I feel Scotland will be making a big mistake if they leave for Switzerland without Billy Liddell who has all it takes for fierce international competition—speed, guts, big match temperament, leadership, and adaptability. Anybody capable of playing on the wing or in the centre is useful to have around.

### EYES ON TELFER

When 22-year-old Bobby Holmes joins St. Mirren from Kilmory Rangers in about six weeks, English clubs are likely to renew interest in Willie Telfer, Scottish international pivot who could have his pick of Tyneside or Wearside.

"With Holmes on the premises at Love Street, the Paisley club can afford to talk business" is the unsolicited testimonial of an England spotter.

Supporters' clubs are likely to band together to do something about the banning of their money-making competitions. One idea is that the National Association of Supporters' Clubs should start a campaign to discontinue party candidates' views at the next election.

I understand that it will be carried out on a properly organised basis.

**HEADLORD** City have given their players a week's holiday, where they turned out at the Higgs and Waggoners.

When manager Ivor Powell returns he'll be reminded of the trip by offers for George Mulholland. At last three First Division clubs would like the 24-year-old left full-back.

Before Charlton left London Airport for their tour of Colombia Millionaires agent Antonio Pineros told me they will play in the new Bogota Stadium which seats 35,000.

"How many will it accommodate standing?" I asked. "Standing? Do you want to start a revolution?" he replied.

London Town followers insist that wing-half Bob Morion should have been with the England outfit in Hungary or Switzerland.

Instead, Bob was officiating at quite a different match. He was seen high at colleague Wally Shanker's wedding.

Isn't it strange how the old one continues to get good results? I noticed that some Arsenal's bouncing 17-year-old Roy Emerson, in his first year in the Premier League, was in the Premier League.

# VICTORY SHIELD MATCH LAST NIGHT WAS ONE OF THE BEST OF THE SEASON

By I. M. MacTAVISH

This Victory Shield match might easily have been renamed the Hard Won Victory Shield for a near capacity crowd at the Club Stadium last night had the pleasure of watching one of the best games of the season. It was a pity that on this occasion the lighting was not up to the standard of some previous games. This time there were many heavily contrasting patches and the players were often caught out by the tricks of the light and dark patches.

The better team (without a shadow of a doubt) won the game but this time they were up against a Service side that fought them every inch of the way. And if Gibbey hadn't contributed the 'half-of-the-season' when his side was ahead by two goals, to me, things might have been very different indeed.

Head and shoulders above everyone in this game was Chu Wing-keung whose uncanny ball control at a vital stage of the game swung the pendulum in favour of the Chinese. His bout into goals when first Ryde and then Loader put them two goals in the lead. This called for drastic action by the Combined Chinese and they took Chu Wing-keung out of goal and switched Lee Tai-fai from the forward line to replace him.

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# ON THE RECORD A Letter From Lee Hung-back

Dear Recorder,  
Thank you for your letter, which I had to put aside all this time. I find this school teaching takes up far more of my time than I bargained for.

Your letter has been the rounds of Coburn and West, who are both doing very well. Coburn represented the Army with West in the Inter-Services Cross Country.

Three ex-Hongkong regiments, 1st RUI, 45 Field Regt, RA and 23 Field Regt, RA (with Barnes and Munro) appeared in the final of the Army Cross Country and performed very creditably.

So far this year I have run the 1500 yards in 14.15, the 1000 yards in 10.15, the 500 yards in 6.15, the 200 yards in 2.15, the 100 yards in 1.15, the 50 yards in 0.45, the 25 yards in 0.25, the 10 yards in 0.15, the 5 yards in 0.05, the 2 yards in 0.02, the 1 yard in 0.01.

The Kent 20 (last year) was my first since I came home. I staggered round the hills in what I considered a very good time of 2.17. The course at the time is more than two miles from my home so I have had to try and look happy every time I see any of my neighbours.

It's quite a job. I intend to run the Walton 15 on June 12 and the Poly Marathon on the 28th. The Army Marathon team will be home, composed of West, Munro, Huchings (an ex-Singapore type) and Lee Hung-back.

The Navy stuck it across us last year and they should do it again, with very little trouble, although the Navy is on the crest of one of its greatly optimistic waves of prophecy.

It seems peculiar that the largest and the pedestrian service should be so disinterested in distance running. But still that's the Army all over.

(NOTE: Talking of pedestrianism, it is noteworthy that the Combined Services representation in the One Mile Race held at Kai Tak on Sunday was exclusively from the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force—RECORDER).

At present I am training with what I suppose is a pulled muscle. It hurts like the devil when I go downhill so I decided that a week's rest would be advisable. Actually it has turned out to be a blessing in disguise. I have been able to catch up on a lot of overdue work and letters.

Your Hongkong times sound very impressive—how long before you can turn out a full Asian Games team?

Chun Kung-yin's return to the mile is no surprise to me, although he ran second to West in both the 7 and 10 Miles. I always considered him as a Three-Mile runner. He had the right necessary for the shorter distances, which is so rarely required in long distance running, therefore talent, wasted. How is he doing now?

West and I would both like to be able to fly back to Hongkong each year and run in the New Year's Day Race, but unless a gigantic pool with comes our way that must remain a dream.

Shortly after I got home I sent Rita Hall some photographs of Birkenhead, but failed to finish. I was very surprised that he hasn't turned out in the road races recently.

I must now close in order to open the library on time. My very best wishes to all the old crew, especially Mr. Huchings and the Father Lawler, whom I wish all success in his recruiting campaign. (For the HKAAC) and my final wish—may much sweat drip onto the Caroline Hill Boundary St and Sookunpo tracks.

Yours sincerely,  
NEVILLE.

(The above letter is from Lee Hung-back, better known as Neville Lee, an athlete, who won a prize of note in three years of competition in Hongkong and yet has not given up his interest in distance running. He is now Sgt. Neville Lee, RAEC, of the Boys' Regiment RA, Braddbury Lines, Hereford).

**EVER ONWARD**  
Mr. Gurubach Singh Kler, Hon. Secretary of the North Borneo Olympic Committee, has sent me some interesting cuttings from the Sabah Times, the English-language Jesselton paper. Among the most interesting of these is one dated Kudat, May 5 (from Frimela Loh).

Here are some extracts: The first ever Athletic Meeting was held here at the Padang on May 1, 1954.

A large crowd from all the neighbouring hamlets turned up. Mrs. Cameron, wife of our popular Doctor, gave away the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

Organisers of the sports meeting included Fr. Palmer, Mr. Joe Stewart and Mr. Tony Chai who were only assisted by many other Kluat spectators, Miss Lewis and Miss Yun of the Education Department were also present for the occasion.

The cup for the most outstanding performance was won by Chong Ket-chu, a one-armed boy of 12 who took part in the 100 yards, 150 yards, and 200 yards races. He was coming first in all. He wanted to do the Pole Vault as well, but was persuaded not to take part as it would have been rather dangerous vaulting with only one arm. It was a pleasure to watch this boy and it shows that "where there is a will there is a way."

The Sabah Times considered the story of the first athletic meeting ever run at Kudat a front page story and it occupied two-fifths of the front page. Two complete pages of the same issue (May 11) were devoted to an account of the Second Asian Games.

North Borneo sent a team of three athletes to the Asian Games. They did not do well but, as Mr. Kler told me, "Yusop, at least, did better than Tan Eng-yoon in the Hop, Step and Jump if only we consider their previous best performances." Quite correct. Eng-yoon was more overawed by the occasion than was Yusop and fell far below his best, but Yusop, whose best is short of 45 feet, while Eng-yoon's is short of 48 feet, came much nearer his best ever performance.

Says the Sabah Times: "Raymond Lim, our sprinter, was the most successful of our team. He finished fifth in the heats of both the 100 Metres and 200 Metres races and in returning 23.4 seconds for the latter showed remarkable improvement on home form. Petre Kadayan completed the 1,500 Metres grind in 4 min. 37 seconds and ran himself completely out."

The greatest achievement of the North Borneo Olympic Committee and one on which Mr. Kler does not dwell was the fact that they raised the money to send three amateur athletes to the Second Asian Games. The public of North Borneo, in fact, thinks highly of the future of its athletes.

—RECORDER

## THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

# England And Scotland To Pool World Cup Ideas?

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

England and Scotland may give each other a helping hand in the short time left to prepare for the World Cup.

Don't be surprised if, as the result of a get-together for pooling ideas, the two countries clash in a trial match.

Improving rapidly under the guidance of Andy Beattie, the Scottish team at present in Helsinki could well prove to be the World Cup surprise packet.

At the same time I feel Scotland will be making a big mistake if they leave for Switzerland without Billy Liddell who has all it takes for fierce international competition—speed, guts, big match temperament, leadership, and adaptability. Anybody capable of playing on the wing or in the centre is useful to have around.

Where does that place Roger Becker in the reckoning? I gather that his Soccer activities have not met with LTA approval.

Port Vale skipper Tom Cheadle has had his first taste of dealing with Second Division centre-forwards. And who better than Britlin's best—John Charles guesting for Shelbourne against the Potteries club in the presence of 20,000 Dublin fans?

Scunthorpe manager Bill Corkhill told me at Brigg Town Supporters' Club dinner-dance there's no foundation for reports that former Liverpool left-winger Mervyn Jones is on the move.

Neither are Newcastle, Middlesbrough and other interested clubs likely to succeed in getting centre half Dick White unless they revise their assessments of his value.

"White has served his apprenticeship as a joiner, leaves the Army in August and is already nicely settled in a house at Scunthorpe, so why should he worry?" says Corkhill.

**TALE OF A BELT**  
Young cricketers would be less vulnerable to big-headedness if they had the experience of Cyril Washbrook on the occasion of his first century for Lancashire at the age of 18.

This is it—county cap, the lot—thought Cyril when summoned to the august presence of the President.

"Tell me, Washbrook, why do you wear a belt?" he was asked. "To keep my trousers up, sir."

Heaviest backed horse of the season was Elmore, Charlie Smirke's mount, had support for £42,000. This is the biggest sum for any horse since the season's Derby betting began. Elmore closed at 100-9 under a deluge of bets. Privately, he was at 100-7.

Lavengro (for £226,000) and Never Say Die (£24,000) were two outsiders who had their odds slip after considerable backing.—Reuter.

Combined Chinese: Chu Wing-keung (Lee Tai-fai); Han Yung-sing, Lee Chui-fai; Chan Fui-hung, Ng Kee-cheung, Tong Sheung; Ho Ying-fun, Lee Tai-fai (Chu Wing-keung), King Lok-sang, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

Combined Services: Granger; Dowling, Riley; Martin, Fraser, Williams; Ryde, Reeves, Loader, Gibbey, Thomas.

## Hogan Withdraws From Colonial Golf Tournament

Fort Worth, May 25  
Defending champion Ben Hogan withdrew from the \$25,000 Colonial National Invitation golf tournament today, thereby throwing a race for \$5,000 top money into a wide-open scramble.

Hogan was in third place, only three strokes off the pace set by Australian, Peter Thomson.

Hogan played yesterday with a bad cold and sore throat, and became violently ill, until last night in his hotel room.

The little man, who was seeking his fifth Colonial crown and his third in a row, had tears in his eyes as he informed officials of his withdrawal. It was believed the first time in his career that he had been forced to drop out in the midst of competition.—United Press.

## THE GAMBOLE



## THE TWO PIECE, DEAD



## I'LL HAVE THE TWO PIECE THEN



## UN? I THOUGHT IT WAS \$4.15.0

















